

REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment before examination of the instant application is respectfully requested. It is submitted that the claims as presented herein are fully supported by the application as originally filed.

At the outset, Applicant's Attorney would like to sincerely thank Examiner Wollschlager for all the time and courtesies extended during the telephonic conference of October 9, 2007. During the conference, the pending claims in light of the cited art were discussed.

After entry of this amendment, claims 1, 4-10 and 27-29 remain in the application. Claim 26 has been canceled and its subject matter incorporated into claim 1 per the Examiner's suggestion during the phone conference referenced above. It is submitted that, through this Amendment, Applicant's invention as set forth in these claims is in a condition suitable for allowance.

Further and favorable consideration is requested. If the Examiner believes it would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, he is cordially invited to contact Applicant's Attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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